A True
DISCOVERY
Of the Private League, between
The late King James,
(Since his coming from *Ireland*)
And the K. of France:
Shewing their Design to Destroy all
The Protestants in Europe,
Being sent from a *French* Merchant to his Friend in *London*.

Done out of French, *and Printed according to Order.*

SIR, When you went for *England*, you desired I would send you what News of moment should happen in these parts, the most remarkable is concerning the private Intreague between the King of *France* and the late King *James*, since his Arrival from *Ireland*; notwithstanding the ill success he has had in that Country, is still push'd on by the King of *France* to a further Contrivance for the utter extirpation of all Protestants, as you will find by the following Discourse between the King of *France* and the late King *James*.

K. *James*. I heartily thank your Majesty for the Favours and Kindnesses you have so generously shown to a Prince in Distress, and though I cannot at present make a suitable Return, yet I doubt not but by the Assistance of my Subjects in *Scotland*, notwithstanding my ill success in *Ireland*, to be able to form such an Army, as may Reclaim my Kingdom of *England*, and settle me again in the Throne of my Fathers, and then I believe you will not doubt of my readiness to Gratifie your utmost Wishes and Request.

K. of France. *Your Majesty may assure your self I Cordially have and do desire your Welfare and Success, and if your Majesty had thought fit to follow the Intimations of my Advice, I assure you, you had by this time gained your point, and have been peaceably seated in your Throne.*

K. *James*. Perhaps Sir, you are not more acquainted with *England* than my self: I brought upon them more Innovations in Four Years, than my Predecessors in Fourscore, and which is a Miracle, I hardly ever heard them so much

as Murmur till towards the end of all; did not I New-Model both Church and State, and in One Year more, I should the Army too.

K. of France. *Why, with submission, there was your Errour; you first let them see what you designed, before you were in a condition to Execute it; I told you and told you it would be impossible to bring in the Catholick Religion with a Protestant Army, and that the main thing you were to take Care of, was to fast the Sword fast in your Hand, and then to strike at Discretion; their Destruction or Submission should have been a Sudden, as the Shot of their Muskets, and they should never had reason to complain of a Grievance till I had their Necks under my Foot.*

K. *James.* We wanted time for this, for the thought of your Auxilleries would not put them all in a Confusion, and my own were not to be trusted.

K. of France. *Was not Ireland your own? could not Forty Thousand from time to time been easily and without Suspicion Transported, and upon a signal been ready and willing for any Service?*

K. *James.* I had a considerable Army in *Ireland*, which in a short time, I did resolve to have over.

K. of France. *But you had first given your Heterticks the Alarm, which not only put them upon their Guard, but made them afterwards look upon you as an absolute Enemy to their Interest.*

K. *James.* But supposing these Men had been sent over, the Country must have been sensible of it, and Consequently should have risen at the Drum.

K. of France. *Believe me, they would have been so Secure in the Confidence of your Justice to compare any the Breach of Priviledges, they would have been Secure and Negligent: I would have been so far from Encroaching upon any of their Franchises, till I were able to strike Home, that I would in the Intrim have Granted and Promised them more than they already had.* England *must first be Deceived, and then Destroy'd*

K. *James.* I wish I were to play the Game over again; I Confess I was too hasty with them, I thank some of my Councillors.

K. of France. "Wish not, but be assured you shall, *Ireland* will keep them in Play a little longer sure, *Scotland* will not be backward, and certainly you have some good Subjects in *England* yet left: be assured of my utmost Assistance, and I doubt not to give them all powerful Diversion; But when you have brought about your Business, lean not on the Advice of every hot-headed Fellow, I'll Engage that *Father Petre*, and two or three more such blustering Politicians, have done the Catholick Cause more harm, those four last Years, than all our United Councils can do it good these Ten years to come; you have seen the Courtesies I have taken, and how I have thriv'd upon it; "therefore when you are well Settled, take with Submission, those Measures, "which by a long Experience, I can allure you, I know will not prove Ineffectual.

K. *James.* I have dear Brother, in the Meridian of my Strength, adhered to your Councils and Admonitions, and now in my Distress, it is both my Interest and Inclination to follow all rules of Prescription, and if ever I be settled again in my Throne, and POPERY but once more flourish in *England*, I will not be unmindful, or ungrateful in the Return, and till then I must rely upon your Kindnesses and Favours.

By these Measures, we may see, that our Law, our Liberties, our Religion, Nay, our Lives, were in eminent Danger, till the Prince of *Orange* (now our Gracious King) came to our timely Rescue.

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